

Role and Overview

The Ballot Board (OBB) prescribes and certifies ballot language for proposed constitutional amendments, initiatives, and referenda. The board also oversees the efforts of the Secretary of State to inform registered voters of the purpose and effect of proposed ballot issues.

The Secretary of State chairs the board. There are four other members, each appointed by the Senate President and Senate Minority Leader, as well as the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader. The board convenes before any statewide issue is placed on the ballot.

The Secretary of State's Office provides the professional, technical, and clerical support for the Ballot Board.

Summary of Budget History and Recommendations

(In thousands) BUDGET FUND GROUP	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
General Revenue Fund	485	285	1,107	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	485	285	1,107	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0

(In thousands) OBJECT OF EXPENSE	ACTUAL			ESTIMATE	% CHANGE	RECOMMENDED			
	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 06-07	FY 2008	% CHANGE	FY 2009	% CHANGE
Subsidy	485	285	1,107	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL	485	285	1,107	0	(100.0)	0	.0	0	.0

PROGRAM SERIES 01: Ballot Board

The Ohio Ballot Board prescribes ballot language for proposed amendments to the Ohio Constitution and, in certain instances when the requisite arguments or explanations have not been timely prepared, must prepare the arguments or explanations or designate a group of persons to do so. Funding for this program, however, is focused on reimbursement of expenses incurred by Ohio's 88 county boards of election.

Program 01.01: Ballot Advertising

This program provides for the reimbursement of ballot advertising expenses incurred by each of the 88 counties.

LINE ITEM SUMMARY - Ballot Board

FUND	ALI	ALI TITLE	FY 2004 ACTUAL	FY 2005 ACTUAL	FY 2006 ACTUAL	FY 2007 ESTIMATE	FY 2008 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE	FY 2009 RECOMMENDED	% CHANGE
GRF	052-501	Ballot Advertising	485,375	285,311	1,107,156	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL General Revenue Fund			485,375	285,311	1,107,156	0	0	.0	0	.0
TOTAL Ballot Board			485,375	285,311	1,107,156	0	0	.0	0	.0